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USDA SEEKS INPUT FROM GROWERS ABOUT 2015 CROPS, STOCKS, INVENTORIES, VALUES

Austin, Texas – During the next several weeks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct two major mid-year surveys - the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey. The agency will survey thousands of farmers and ranchers across Oklahoma and Texas to determine crop production and stock inventories in 2015.

"The June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey, are two of the most significant surveys NASS conducts," explained Doug Rundle, director of the NASS Southern Plains Regional Field Office. "Information from growers will provide an indication of potential production of major crops in the U.S. for 2015."

NASS gathers data for the June Agriculture Survey by mail, phone, personal interview, or by secure internet self-reporting. For the June Area Survey, agency representatives will visit randomly selected tracts of land and interview the operators of any farm or ranch within each selected land tract. Operators will be asked to provide information on crop acreage, on-farm grain stocks, livestock inventory, cash rents, land values, and value of sales.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the June *Acreage* report and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released June 30, 2015. Survey data collected and summarized by NASS, contributes to monthly *Crop Production* reports, quarterly acreage and stocks reports, as well as providing input to the USDA's monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Rundle. All reports are available on the NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Southern Plains Regional Field Office at 800-626-3142.

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